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**REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)**  
02-47N 27-39E



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1. [REDACTED] COVERS THE TOWN

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OF PAULIS IN THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE CONGO.

2. OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY WERE THE TOWN AND THE AIRFIELD, WHICH HAS A 4,200 X 100 FT., E/W, GRAVEL SURFACE RUNWAY (ASSOTW MEASUREMENTS), WITH A PARKING AREA SOUTH OF THE RUNWAY AND AN OVERRUN AT THE WEST OF THE RUNWAY. FACILITIES HERE INCLUDE ONE OPERATIONS BUILDING, AND THREE SMALL MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS. NUMEROUS OBSTACLES WERE OBSERVED SCATTERED OVER THE RUNWAY.

3. PAULIS IS A REBEL STRONGHOLD LOCATED ABOUT 200 NM NORTHEAST OF STANLEYVILLE. APPROXIMATELY 400 AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN HOSTAGES WERE RESCUED FROM THE CITY BY A BELGIAN PARATROOP OPERATION ON 26 NOVEMBER 1964.

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OBSTACLES ON RUNWAY

OPERATIONS BUILDING

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